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For: **A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL OF INFORMATION  
SUBJECT TO AUTHORIZATION BY A DATA CONTROLLER**

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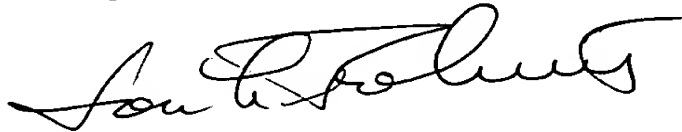
Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Specification, abstract and claims (2 independent, 77 dependent, 79 total) (27 pages);
2. Informal drawings (5 figures, 5 sheets);
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney;
4. Assignment with Recordation Sheet;
5. Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status - Independent Inventor;
6. Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status - Small Business Concern;
7. One check in the amount of \$876.00; and,
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Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that the patent application of Elliott D. Light and Ali Ersheid for **A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL OF INFORMATION SUBJECT TO AUTHORIZATION BY A DATA CONTROLLER** including the specification, abstract, and claims (2 independent, 77 dependent, 79 total) (27 pages); informal drawings (5 figures, 5 sheets); declaration and power of attorney; an assignment together with a recordation cover sheet; Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status - Small Business Concern; Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity status - Independent Inventor; and a check in the amount of \$876.00, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service for "Express Mail" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, Washington, D.C. 20231.



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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(b))--INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

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Applicant or Patentee: Elliott D. Light and Ali ErsheidSerial or Patent No.: Not Yet IssuedFiled or Issued: HerewithTitle: A System and Method For Storage And Retrieval Of Information Subject to Authorization by a Data Controller

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office described in:

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☒ the application identified above.

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I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under convey or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(c).

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4/25/2000  
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c))--SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

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I hereby declare that I am

☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Cyber Cash, Inc.ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN 2100 Reston Parkway, Suite 400, Reston, VA, 20191

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

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